REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant's elect, with traverse, the following group:

Group I, claims 18-25, 27, 28, 30-33, drawn to a cosmetic composition comprising a amphoteric polyurethane of formula (I) as defined in claim 18, wherein;

$M = r \neq 0$ $Z = O$ $Y = PEG$

R-X-Pn and P'p-X'-R' contain ammonium moieties, and hydrophobic moieties.

The claimed polyurethane of formula (I) as defined in claim 18 is exemplified by polymers from examples 1 and 2:

Ex 1: $R = R'$ = hydrophobic group $X = X' = L$ with $Z = O$

$n = p = 1$ $P = P'$ = amine, especially ammonium

$m = r = 1$ $L = L'$ with $Z = O$

$Y = PEG$;

Ex 2: $R = R'$ = hydrophobic group $X = X'$ = amine, especially ammonium

$N = p = 0$

$M = r = 1$ $L = L'$ with $Z = O$

$Y = PEG$

In terms of the remarks at pages 7 and 8 of the Office Action, if the cosmetic composition is made without polyurethane, the composition is not within the scope of the elected claims.

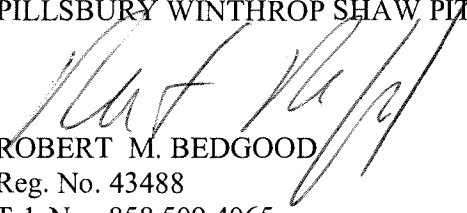In terms of the remarks at page 8 of the Office Action, concerning the general formula (I) in claim 8:

In the elected group, m is not zero.

When p and p' are zero, X and X' are amine, the chaining $-O-N-(R)_3$ is not possible, because as shown in claim 25, an R2 group is present before nitrogen atom, in order to lead to the following chaining: $-O-R2-N(R)_3$.

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